REMARKS

First, Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowability of claims 2-4 if rewritten in independent form. The Examiner will note that these claims have been rewritten in independent form so they are now allowable.

The Examiner objected to the drawings indicating that "28" is used to designate two different elements in figure 12. The Examiner suggested that the cam disk should be labeled "38A". Since this element is referred to in the specification by the number "38" (see paragraphs [0047] and [0048] of the specification), Applicant is proposing to amend figure 12 to re-number it as "38".

The Examiner will note that claim 1 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and claim 5 has been amended to depend from claim 2. Claims 6 and 7 depend, directly or indirectly from claim 5 and claim 8 depends from claim 4. Claim 9 has been amended to depend from claim 2 and claims 10 and 11 depend from claim 9. New Claims 12-17 are the same as original Claims 5, 6, and 7 but depend variously from Claims 3 and 4. Thus, all the claims remaining in the application are either already indicated as being allowable or depend from allowable claims. Allowed claims 2, 3, and 4 are generic so, it is respectfully submitted, the Examiner should withdraw the election of species requirement and examine and allow the remaining claims.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 5-7 over Mei. This rejection is now moot.

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Since all the claims are now in allowable condition and are free of the prior art, an early Notice of Allowance is in order and the same is most earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #037051.50344US).

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